



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the Apple Tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil—here I will sit and rest awhile,
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. — Richard Hutchins*

MARCH 3, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to crayons and children's bulletins.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

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* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory hymn "Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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*** Scripture reading from Luke 18:31-43**

text printed in the bulletin

Linda Dacus (9:30)

David Paschall (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Blind Disciples and Blind Beggar”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Those seated in overflow and on the stage will come forward to be served first, followed by the back rows and the rest of the congregation, finishing with those in the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Oh Redeemer, Come”

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Refrain: Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
faithless, troubled hearts weighed down. *Refrain*

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.
Heal us and make us free from our sin. *Refrain*
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Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: We come to this feast in obedience and with thanksgiving.

All: By dying, Christ destroyed our death. By rising, he restored our life. It is in his great love and sacrifice that we have been set free, and given hope for an eternal future that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

Leader: In this feast, our God is present with us by his Spirit.

All: When we share this bread, we share in the body of Christ. When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ. When we share this meal, we are united with each other in faith and mission, and we yearn for Christ's return and the restoration of all things. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“In Feast or Fallow”

When the fields are dry and the winter is long,
blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor;
when my soul is downcast and my voice has no song,
for mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

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Refrain: In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
my certain hope is in Jesus found;
my lot, my cup, my portion sure;
whatever comes, we shall endure.
Whatever comes, we shall endure.

On a cross of wood where his blood was outpoured,
he rose from the ground like a bird to the sky;
bringing peace to our violence and crushing death's door,
our Maker incarnate, our God who provides. *Refrain*

Come, O come, Emmanuel.
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When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,
not a sparrow falls nor a hair from my head
without his hand to guide me, my shield and my strength;
in joy or in sorrow, in life or in death. *Refrain*

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“I Set My Hope on Jesus”

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel; I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain: I set my hope on Jesus, my rock my only trust,
who set his heart upon me first. I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of justice,
I will cast my life on Calvary; I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish.
Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*
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*** Prayer of thanksgiving**

*** Hymn of praise**

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825

*** Benediction**

*** Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*** Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

William Darby – vocals
Xaris Emmett – violin
Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Perry – vocals

Luke 18:31-43

³¹And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴²And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

SERMON NOTES

“The Blind Disciples and Blind Beggar”

Luke 18:31-43

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING will be a time of missionary prayer in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contribute online through Realm Connect or contact the church office. The deadline is March 18.

A CAR IS NEEDED for a visiting missionary family to borrow during their time on the mountain. The tentative dates of their trip are Monday, March 25 – Monday, April 15. If you can help, please contact Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young, stephanie@lmpc.org.

OUR 2024 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, “You Will Be My Witnesses: Acts 1:8,” will be held April 17–21. Join us as we explore missional themes such as Church Planting, Christian Education, and Empowering National Missionaries. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate; we will have events for all ages.

VBS THIS SUMMER will look a little different. Children who have completed Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to meet at the Commons on Lookout Mountain. Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 25, 26, and 27; more information will follow in the next couple months.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: \$5,860,000
2024 Pledges: \$3,588,060 (61%)
Remainder Needed: \$2,271,940

Member Households Pledged: 293 (46%)
Remaining Households to Pledge: 341 (54%)
Total Member Households: 634

Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Wednesday, 61% of our budget has been pledged by 46% of our church body. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible online at lmpc.org/give or through Realm Connect.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 3

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults	Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer	sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events.

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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services and in the evening on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.